

Provisional Vital Statistics for June 2004

Live births increased in June as 7,179 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,058 one year earlier. Cumulative births for the 6- and 12-month periods ending with June also increased. For the first half of the year, births increased by 5.4 percent from 36,769 to 38,757.

Deaths decreased in June as 4,014 Missourians died compared with 4,259 in June 2003. Cumulative deaths increased for the first half of the year, but decreased for the 12 months ending with June.

The **Natural increase** in June was 3,165 (7,179 births minus 4,014 deaths). For the 6- and 12-

month periods ending with June, the natural increase rose from the previous year's numbers.

Marriages decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below.

Dissolutions of marriage also decreased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with June, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.84 to 1.77.

Infant deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with June, the infant death rate decreased from 8.4 to 7.1 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	June				Jan-Jun. cumulative				12 months ending with June				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Live Births	6,058	7,179	12.1	15.2	36,769	38,757	13.0	13.5	77,390	77,518	13.0	13.6	13.5
Deaths	4,259	4,014	8.5	8.5	28,616	29,694	10.1	10.4	55,242	54,484	9.9	9.7	9.5
Natural increase	1,799	3,165	3.6	6.7	8,153	9,063	2.9	3.2	22,148	23,034	3.1	3.9	4.0
Marriages	4,974	4,672	9.9	9.9	19,826	18,587	7.0	6.5	41,615	38,747	7.3	7.3	6.8
Dissolutions	1,926	1,647	3.9	3.5	11,332	10,826	4.0	3.8	22,627	21,940	4.0	4.0	3.8
Infant deaths	46	42	7.6	5.9	337	282	9.2	3.7	647	552	8.4	8.4	7.1
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,656	5,689	5,721

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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